

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-5

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PINECREST, FLORIDA,
OPPOSING THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR BEAR
HUNTING IN FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Village Council endeavors to be a good steward of the environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FFWC) removed the Florida black bear from Florida's Endangered and Threatened Species List; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the FFWC adopted a Bear Management Plan rule that included issuing permits for bear hunts; and

WHEREAS, measures were not put in place to ensure that thousands of anticipated hunters would cease their efforts when reaching the limits imposed by the rule; and

WHEREAS, during the 2015 hunt, actual kill rates far exceeded approved quotas; and

WHEREAS, future bear hunts may thwart and undo past efforts to promote this previously endangered species;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PINECREST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Village Council hereby urges the FFWC to refrain from issuing future bear hunt permits and requests that Governor and Florida Legislature intervene as may be appropriate to address this matter.

Section 2. That the Village Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the FFWC, the Governor and the Village's representatives in the Florida Legislature.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of January, 2016.


Cindy Lerner, Mayor

Attest:


Guido H. Inguanzo, Jr., CMC
Village Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:


Mitchell Bierman
Village Attorney



Motion by: Councilmember Ross
Second by: Councilmember Ball

Vote: Councilmembers Ball, Kraft, Ross, Vice Mayor McDonald, and Mayor Lerner voting Yes